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Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH
ASYMMETRIC POCKET IMPLANTS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment is submitted upon filing a Request for Continued Examination and in response to the final official action mailed March 23, 2005, wherein the examiner finally rejected claims 1 and 22 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,449,937 to Arimura *et al.* and objected to claims 15 and 16 as containing allowable subject matter but being dependent upon a rejected claim.

Applicants believe that the claims presented in this preliminary amendment overcome the grounds of rejection based on Arimura. Claims as presented in this amendment are patentably distinguishable from Arimura as discussed in detail below. Reconsideration and allowance are requested.

The following amended claims 1 and 15 and new claims 23 - 26 on pages 7 - 8 shall replace the claims of record.

Additionally, amendment to the Specification and corrections to the drawings are also submitted herewith. This amendment concludes with remarks on pages 10 -12.